

## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

Security Processing of Panelists

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The attached presents a modified approach to the polygraphing of panelists. The approach features limited (counterintelligence-oriented) polygraph coverage that will apply to all new panelists and a grandfather clause applicable to current panelists.

You may wish to highlight the waiver provision of paragraph 3d to the other Deputy Directors. This was included in anticipation of possible objection to a polygraph in some instances and with a mind to the DoD position on the use of the polygraph as stated in a directive. The provision gives the DDCI or DCI flexibility necessary to address individual or institutional resistance to polygraph testing as a condition of service as a panelist.

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21 September 1981

Director

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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1. I am a great believer in the polygraph and would encourage all members of the Intelligence Community to participate in that wonderful experience. I would also encourage its use with panelists, consultants, and contractors throughout the Intelligence Community. ☐

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2. I would oppose the use of the polygraph on CIA panelists if those same panelists are not obliged to take a polygraph when engaged by another Community organization dealing with intelligence information. Until you are prepared to make the polygraph mandatory for all panelists handling intelligence information or operational details, I do not see how you can impose it on CIA panelists alone. ☐

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